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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

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Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to The Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, mailed December 1, 2006.

Attached are legible copies of an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08A), Information Disclosure Statement Letter and Foreign References (DE 1619940 and EP 1080768).

Applicants also attach a copy of the "Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt" as evidence that the \$180 fee for the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement was received by the U.S. Patent Office on October 27, 2006. Therefore, we do not believe any further fees are due.

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